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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 11, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Manuel Danny Guerrero was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Court Judge Roger T. Benitez to serve 240 months in custody, based on Guerrero's conviction for importation of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. Judge Benitez also ordered that Guerrero pay a \$2000.00 fine and a \$200.00 special assessment. Guerrero was convicted after a jury trial in June 2008.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale Blankenship, who prosecuted the case, Guerrero's conviction arises from his arrest at the San Ysidro, California, Port of Entry on March 20, 2007, where he was a passenger in, and the registered owner of, a vehicle that contained 10.50 kilograms/23.10 pounds of methamphetamine concealed in the gas tank of the vehicle.

This case stems from an investigation conducted by agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and officers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07CR0676-BEN

Manuel Danny Guerrero

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960 (Importation of Methamphetamine)

Title 21, United States Code, Section 841 (Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute)

AGENCIES

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement

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